

# The Daily Courant.

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London, August 30.

**T**HE Marquess de Puiseux deliver'd the following Memorial to the General Diet of the Swiss Cantons assembled at Baden, the 25th of July, in Answer to Monsieur de Mellaredes Letter of the 19th of the same Month, to the said Laudable Cantons, which was incerted in Monday's and yesterday's Courants.

*Magnificent Lords!*

I Have observ'd all along, in the Memorials Monsieur de Mellaredes has presented to you, such feeble Arguments and such coarse Invectives, that I thought it unbecoming a Man in my Circumstances to take the Pains to refute them; But all he alledges in the Answer he has given to the Letter you wrote to him the 16th of this Month, is so little consonant with Truth, that I judg'd at length I could not excuse myself from shewing the little Foundation there is for what he advances.

Monsieur de Mellaredes would persuade you, that the principal Design of his Master in soliciting you to obtain a Neutrality for all Savoy, is to secure to you the Neighbourhood of a Prince whom you have no ground to distrust: Without enumerating all the Causes you have to be jealous of the Duke of Savoy, does he think you have forgot the Attempt made upon the City of Geneva the beginning of the last Century?

Monsieur de Mellaredes would have you believe likewise, that his Master desires the said Neutrality only to make you safe: If that be that Prince's Intention, he had very sure and easie Means of doing it; Why did he not accept the Neutrality for all his Dominions, which the King my Master yielded to at the Instance of the Laudable Helverick Body?

Why does Monsieur de Mellaredes threaten you with his Master's Army, if you accept the Neutrality of the Chablais and the Faucigny? That Neutrality is sufficient to keep off the Armies from your Frontiers, and preserve that Tranquillity you desire there, your Frontiers cannot be disturb'd after that Neutrality but by the Duke of Savoy only; If therefore that Offer be not approv'd by that Prince, it is not your Quiet he seeks to establish, he aims at nothing but his own Interest; this is beyond all doubt. You have express'd, I am bold to say without Cause, some Uneasiness to see Savoy in the Hands of the King my Master; What more essential Proof could his Majesty give to the Laudable Cantons of his extreme Consideration for them, than to offer them his Royal Word that he would not reunite that Duchy to his Crown upon the Conclusion of a Peace? Such an Assurance is more than sufficient to disperse all your Fears; whatever you should demand more than that, would shew plainly, that you solicit Advantages for the Duke of Savoy, and not for your selves.

The Duke of Savoy's Minister says further, that he pointed out the easiest and nearest Passages by which his Majesty's Troops might enter Piemont without marching through Savoy; I doubt his

Master did not give him Order to do it; At the same time I must confess, Magnificent Lords, that I did not imagine till now, that Monsieur de Mellaredes could find himself dispos'd to teach the King what Routes were best for his Troops to take to enter the Dominions of the Duke of Savoy.

I must not forget to take Notice of the Expressions Monsieur de Mellaredes uses, to prove to you that the King has no Regard for the Laudable Helverick Body, that he seeks only to sow mutual Distrust between the Laudable Cantons, and makes use of all manner of Intrigues to that end, with Design to excite your own Subjects against you. I desire no other Evidence than your own, Magnificent Lords, to refute Assertions so wide from Truth; You know by Experience, whether the Ministers which the King my Master has sent to you, have behav'd themselves in a manner so contrary to your Interests; What pass'd in the former Wars, and in the Course of this, will put this Matter out of Dispute. To seek the Quiet of your Country, to secure it by the Neutrality of the Frickthal, the Forest Towns, the Banks of the Rhine and of the Lake of Constance, and of a tract of Country of a League in Breadth along those Banks, (nor will the Emperor would not consent to it,) and thereby to lose (for your Satisfaction,) the many Advantages that might have been made; Can all this be look'd upon as a Design to prejudice and disturb you? So much Complaisance as his Majesty has shewn on this Occasion, without being at all oblig'd to it by his Alliances, does it not prove on the Contrary, that the King my Master has nothing more at Heart than to give you Proofs of his confederal Affection, of the sincere Friendship he has for you, and of his constant desire to maintain your Tranquillity and contribute to your Advantages?

In short, Magnificent Lords, not to spend Time in answering an infinite Number of perverse Reasonings that Monsieur de Mellaredes's Memorial is stuff'd with; As for Example, when he undertakes to prove the Justice of his Master's Cause by the good Success of his Arms and those of his Allies, I will conclude with telling you once for all, that I have not sought to amuse you in my Negotiation of the Affair in Question, as Monsieur de Mellaredes endeavours to persuade you; I always told you the King my Master was ready to grant all that could secure the Tranquillity of your Dominions; and in Fact his Majesty has never refus'd any Demands you made on this Occasion, but when they appear'd to be solely for the Advantage of the Duke of Savoy. And accordingly, Magnificent Lords, I repeat that his Majesty is ready out of Consideration for you, to consent to the Neutrality of the Chablais and Faucigny, and to give you his Royal Word that he will not reunite the Duchy of Savoy to his Crown when a Peace is concluded. This Assurance and this Neutrality secures your Quiet for the present and for hereafter; As Allies of the King my Master you cannot reasonably demand more, and 'tis all I have to offer you on the part of his Majesty.

Baden, July 24. 1704.

*Puiseux.*

From



From the Leiden Gazette, dated August 7.  
*Basil*, July 31. The General Diet of the Laudable Cantons held at Baden broke up the 29th instant. This Diet came to no Resolution touching the Neutrality of Savoy; nor did Monsieur de Mellardé make any Instance to them about it; he only insisted upon the Demand he made in the last Diet of the Protestant Cantons of 4000 Men for the Duke his Master; which those Cantons considering the present Juncture of Affairs as well at home as abroad, have not thought fit to grant. So all that has pass'd in this Diet in relation to the Affair abovemention'd, is, that whereas the Ambassador of France formerly offer'd to commit the Chablais and Faucignai to the keeping of the Laudable Cantons; he now declar'd that his Master would consent to a Neutrality for those Provinces. The Deputies of the Cantons neither accepted nor rejected this last Offer, but agreed to report it to their Principals.

London, August 30.  
 Yesterday Stocks were as follows, Bank 129 & a half. New Comp. 252 & a half. Shares 26. Old Comp. 131. Million Bank 85. Sword Blades 84 & a qr. African 19.

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